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Excise Police Issue 25 Tickets During IU-Wisconsin Football Game

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 8 – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 25 summonses and jailed two people during Indiana University's game against Wisconsin today.

All of the summonses were issued in the Red Lot tailgating area south of 17th Street. Most were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages.

Seventeen minors were charged with illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. One person was also cited for false informing and possession of false identification. Those cited must appear in Monroe Circuit Court on various dates in January.

A 19-year-old male was incarcerated after he knocked over another person's charcoal grill. Officers saw the man in an altercation with the grill's owner shortly after he pushed it over. When police approached, the man ran a short distance before being apprehended. He was jailed for resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct, public intoxication and illegal consumption.

A 21-year-old male was incarcerated after he interfered with an officer checking someone else's identification. He was arrested for battery on a police officer, resisting law enforcement and public intoxication.

"The tailgating crowds were substantially smaller the last two games, particularly when compared to the Sept. 20 game against Ball State," Officer Travis Thickstun said.

Last weekend's game against Central Michigan resulted in 19 summonses, the fewest issued in the Red Lot this football season. The most were issued during the Ball State game, when excise officers wrote about 100 summonses.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.